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Since the middle of May 1955 there have been intensive controls in the interior of Czechoslovakia, especially between the railroad stations Cheb (N 51/P 37) - As (M 51/P 18). Railroad tickets for the Cheb - As trains could be obtained only by persons who could prove by showing their OPs that they lived in As, or those who had a special pass issued by the Ministry of Interior. Controls were also carried out in passenger trains on the trip between Cheb and As¹, and they included not only control of OPs but also controls of luggage, and in some cases even body searches. Railroad personnel on freight trains on this line must undergo body searches regularly, almost everyday.²

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Comment: Previously the controls were carried out only on boarding the train in Cheb and on leaving the train in As.

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